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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT TACOMA

8 CRYSTAL L. COX,
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10 v.
11 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
12 Defendants.

CASE NO. C13-5364 BHS

ORDER DENYING MOTION TO
PROCEED IN FORMA
PAUPERIS

13 This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff Crystal L. Cox’s (“Cox”) motion
14 for leave to proceed in forma pauperis (Dkt. 1). The Court has considered the pleadings
15 filed in support of the motion and the remainder of the file and hereby denies the motion
16 for the reasons stated herein.

17 The district court may permit indigent litigants to proceed in forma pauperis upon
18 completion of a proper affidavit of indigency. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a). However, the
19 “privilege of pleading in forma pauperis . . . in civil actions for damages should be
20 allowed only in exceptional circumstances.” *Wilborn v. Escalderon*, 789 F.2d 1328 (9th
21 Cir. 1986). Moreover, the court has broad discretion in denying an application to proceed
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1 in forma pauperis. *Weller v. Dickson*, 314 F.2d 598 (9th Cir. 1963), cert. denied, 375
2 U.S. 845 (1963).

3 In Cox's declaration and application to proceed in forma pauperis, she indicates
4 that she is self-employed and receives a monthly income of \$2,000.00. Dkt. 3. In the
5 exercise of its discretion, the Court finds that Cox has failed to show that she is entitled to
6 proceed in forma pauperis.

7 It is hereby **ORDERED** that Cox's motion to proceed in forma pauperis (Dkt. 1)
8 is **DENIED**. If Cox desires to proceed with this civil action, she shall pay the \$350 filing
9 fee to the Court Clerk not later than June 19, 2013. If Cox fails to timely submit the
10 filing fee, the Clerk is directed to dismiss this case without prejudice.

11 Dated this 6th day of June, 2013.

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BENJAMIN H. SETTLE
United States District Judge